

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A pneumatic tire comprising a thin film layer of a width of 20 to 100 mm and a thickness of 0.5 to 5 mm formed on the buttress of said tire; wherein said thin film layer comprises a rubber composition containing 100 parts by weight of diene rubber and 0.5 to 10 parts by weight of a compound, which is in a solid state at a temperature of 40°C or lower and is obtained by adsorbing N-(1-methylheptyl)-N'-phenyl-p-phenylenediamine to silica.

2. (Original) The pneumatic tire of Claim 1, wherein said rubber composition contains 0.3 to 1.5 parts by weight of sulfur based on 100 parts by weight of diene rubber.

3. (Original) The pneumatic tire of Claim 1 or 2, wherein said diene rubber comprises 50 to 80 % by weight of butadiene rubber and 20 to 40 % by weight of natural rubber and/or isoprene rubber.

4. (Previously Presented) The pneumatic tire of Claim 1, wherein the compound obtained by adsorbing N-(1-methylheptyl)-N'-phenyl-p-phenylenediamine to silica contains 20 to 80% by weight of silica.

5. (Previously Presented) The pneumatic tire of Claim 1, wherein the compound obtained by adsorbing N-(1-methylheptyl)-N'-phenyl-p-phenylenediamine to silica contains 30 to 50% by weight of silica.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously Presented) The pneumatic tire of Claim 1, wherein the compound obtained by adsorbing N-(1-methylheptyl)-N'-phenyl-p-phenylenediamine to silica is present in an amount of 3 to 7 parts by weight based on 100 parts by weight of diene rubber.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Previously Presented) The pneumatic tire of Claim 5, wherein the compound obtained by adsorbing N-(1-methylheptyl)-N'-phenyl-p-phenylenediamine to silica is present in an amount of 3 to 7 parts by weight based on 100 parts by weight of diene rubber.